

# SEEK RELEASE OF GOSS FROM PRISON

Writ of Habeas Corpus Returnable Before Associate Justice Walker.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]  
Taleigh, N. C., March 8.—A writ of habeas corpus was sued out today for F. M. Goss, the Durham man held in Wake county jail, charged with being implicated in the alleged murder and robbery of the three young men from Benson, who were found asphyxiated in the Wilson apartments on February 2. The writ is returnable before Associate Justice Walker, of the Supreme Court, next Monday at 10 o'clock. Goss was held without bail by the county jury on evidence that indicated that Goss had in his possession a Walch Pistol and Kodak pictures believed to have been the property of the Benson men. Maynard Messer, the other man held under suspicion of implication in any foul play, was released under \$1000 bond on the same day he was arrested. Counsel for Goss claim that they are ready to account for all the suspicious articles Goss had at having had connection at all with Benson men—Johnson, Johnson and Porter, who were charged by evidence and indicted because Goss, his brother-in-law, was giving aid to the police in getting up with him for an affray he had the evening before with another negro, Nathan Powell, who was shot in each thigh and in one arm. He cut his way out of the jail, and was arrested in fact by the officers and surrounded when he did the shooting and witnessed the affray as they closed in on him.

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done for the good of the miners at all. He spoke for his section of the State, he said. He had been elected by laboring people and yielded to no one on a question of quantity. The Henderson amendment would eliminate the doctrine of fellow-servant, and would make the employer liable for all acts of employees. He offered an amendment of his own, modifying the doctrine of fellow-servant, which he said would be passed, as the "dumbest" of lawyers would not have the nerve to oppose it in the Senate. His amendment, he asserted, had been admitted to be good, but the argument used against it was that if adopted it would imperil the enactment of the bill.

In reply, Mr. White said that the employment of mining is extra hazardous. Admitting that it abolished the fellow-servant doctrine to a certain extent, he only wished that it did not. He said he would be taking a step forward for the protection of working people.

The Chalkley amendment was lost. The member from Wise then offered another, cutting out the section which required that the "fire boss" provided by the bill shall have no superior. Such a provision, said Mr. Chalkley, was an outrage in the eyes of legislation. Mr. White contended that it did not mean the "fire boss" could boss the owner, and on this point he and Mr. Chalkley exchanged sharp differences of opinion. The second Chalkley amendment was defeated.

The bill was then placed on its final passage and passed, 72 to 5.

**Woman's College Measure.**  
Dr. H. W. Stephenson called up the bill for the establishment of a woman's college at or near the University of Virginia. He well knew, he said, that the matter would not become law at this session.

But there had, nevertheless, been a demand, he said, all over the State for this institution. It was backed up by organizations representing 50,000 persons. Undoubtedly he asserted, it will eventually become law. At his request the bill was taken up out of its order, and then, on his motion, dismissed from the calendar.

At the request of William Watts, Jr., House member from the high liquor license district, an amendment on the bill putting State breweries on the same basis as war-house privileges with those from outside the State. The liquor license will remain as they now are for the next two years.

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extended six days to take care of enrolled bills and other unfinished business, was deferred for later action.

Senator Walker moved a suspension of the rules for the purpose of taking up out of its regular order the House bill providing for the establishment of the Epileptic Colony of a home for feeble-minded women of child-bearing age. "I would like to see some thing really worth while," said Senator Walker, "and I hope that the bill, although not a local measure, will be passed." No objection was entered, and the bill was taken up out of its order and read for the first time.

In support of the bill, Senator Echols made the most powerful and eloquent short speech heard on the floor of the Senate at this session. Although it had been reported from the Committee on Finance, the bill was taken up out of its order and read for the first time.

The conference amendments to the general appropriation bill were reported and the bill in its amended form voted on and adopted. Senator Early entered strong objection to the action of the conference committee in reducing the appropriation for betterment at the Harrisonburg Normal School from \$15,000 to \$12,500. He was supported by Senator Paul, who pointed out that the school was being operated at a smaller cost per pupil than that which obtains at the other State institutions and that the reduction would seriously hamper its growing usefulness. He urged that the Senate decline to concur in the amendment.

Senator Echols, for the Senate conference committee, admitted the claims of the school at Harrisonburg, but insisted that the reduction was imperative this year because of the more pressing nature of other claims. The Senate committee, he said, had been forced to make concessions in the conference in order to reach a compromise. The appropriation bill as amended was put to a vote and passed 22 to 11.

**Primary Bill Adopted by House.**  
The Byrd-Fatherhood primary bill as amended by the Senate, was reported from the House with an added provision that no county treasurer shall be required to pay for more than one primary election for any party during any one year. The amendment was adopted and the House advised of the Senate's concurrence.

A joint resolution was reported from the House and adopted empowering the clerk of the House to employ additional proofreaders to assist in the transcription of bills during the recess of business during the next few days. Another joint resolution providing that the session of the General Assembly be

held in Patrick county. To amend and re-enact section 2557 of the Code. To prevent the trapping of foxes in the county of Culpeper except during the months of November and December in any year.

To amend and re-enact section 19, under schedule D, of an act approved January 21, 1908, to raise revenue for the public free schools. To make an appropriation to provide for the relief of needy Confederate veterans who are not eligible to become members of the Soldiers' Home because suffering with cancerous affections or contagious disease.

To amend and re-enact section 1507 of the Code. To authorize the Auditor of Public

Accounts to pay certain claims due the treasurer of Elizabeth City county by the State, which were refused payment on account of certain clerical errors.

To require taxes levied upon dogs to be put upon the same tax bill with taxes levied on personal property and to give the same remedies for collecting such taxes in certain cases. Amending an act approved March 3, 1908, providing for the better assessment of personal property under the control of municipalities and the several courts of the Commonwealth.

To amend and re-enact section 113 of the Code. To authorize the school board of the county of James City to convey what is known as the Hickory Neck Academy lot, with the building thereon, to the trustees of the congregation of Hickory Neck Protestant Episcopal Church, of Blisland Parish, in James City county.

To require the State Board of Education to ascertain and report the amount paid by patrons of public schools for adopted school books. To prevent the spread of blight to chestnut trees in this State and to appropriate money therefor.

To provide a new charter for the town of Kenbridge. To amend the charter of East Big Stone Gap. To amend the act incorporating the town of Glade Spring, Washington county. To authorize the Board of Supervisors of the county of Montgomery to expend annually out of the general levy of said county a sum of money for the purpose of promoting agriculture in that county.

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ate that no change shall be made in the senatorial districts as they are now constituted; therefore, he it.

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Objection was made by the opposing side that no resolution was in order, since the redistricting bills were both special and continuing orders at 4 o'clock. The objection was sustained by the chair, and Senator Tavenner moved that the special order be postponed five minutes to permit action on the resolution. The motion carried by the vote 18 to 15.

**An Amazing Proposition.**  
Senator Hart, speaking to the resolution, characterized it as "a most amazing proposition." Redistricting, he said, was required by the Constitution, and personal considerations should not be permitted to govern.

"I am not surprised," he said, "at the source from which the resolution comes. If I felt that there was danger of my seat in the Senate being taken away I'd make a fight, too. But are we to be governed by a rule laid down by a Senator representing a rotten borough? That no matter how far certain districts have lagged behind others in progress and population, the original lines shall remain forever the same?"

**Charges "Benighted Ignorance."**  
Senator Smith took umbrage at Senator Hart's designation of his community as a "rotten borough," and sympathized with the "benighted ignorance" of the lawmakers from Roanoke if that was the extent of his knowledge of the Twelfth Senatorial District.

The resolution was submitted to a vote and rejected, 16 to 22. Advocates of the bill moved that the constitutional provisions as to the separate readings of the bill be suspended, in order that it be put upon its passage. Senator Tavenner pleaded with the Senate to vote against the suspension of the constitutional readings. If the Senate vote it down, he pointed out, the bill could not come to a vote, and the districts would remain as they are. The pending question was called, and the motion to suspend the readings put to a vote. It carried by a vote 18 to 15.

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